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(54) **SECURING BEACH NET**

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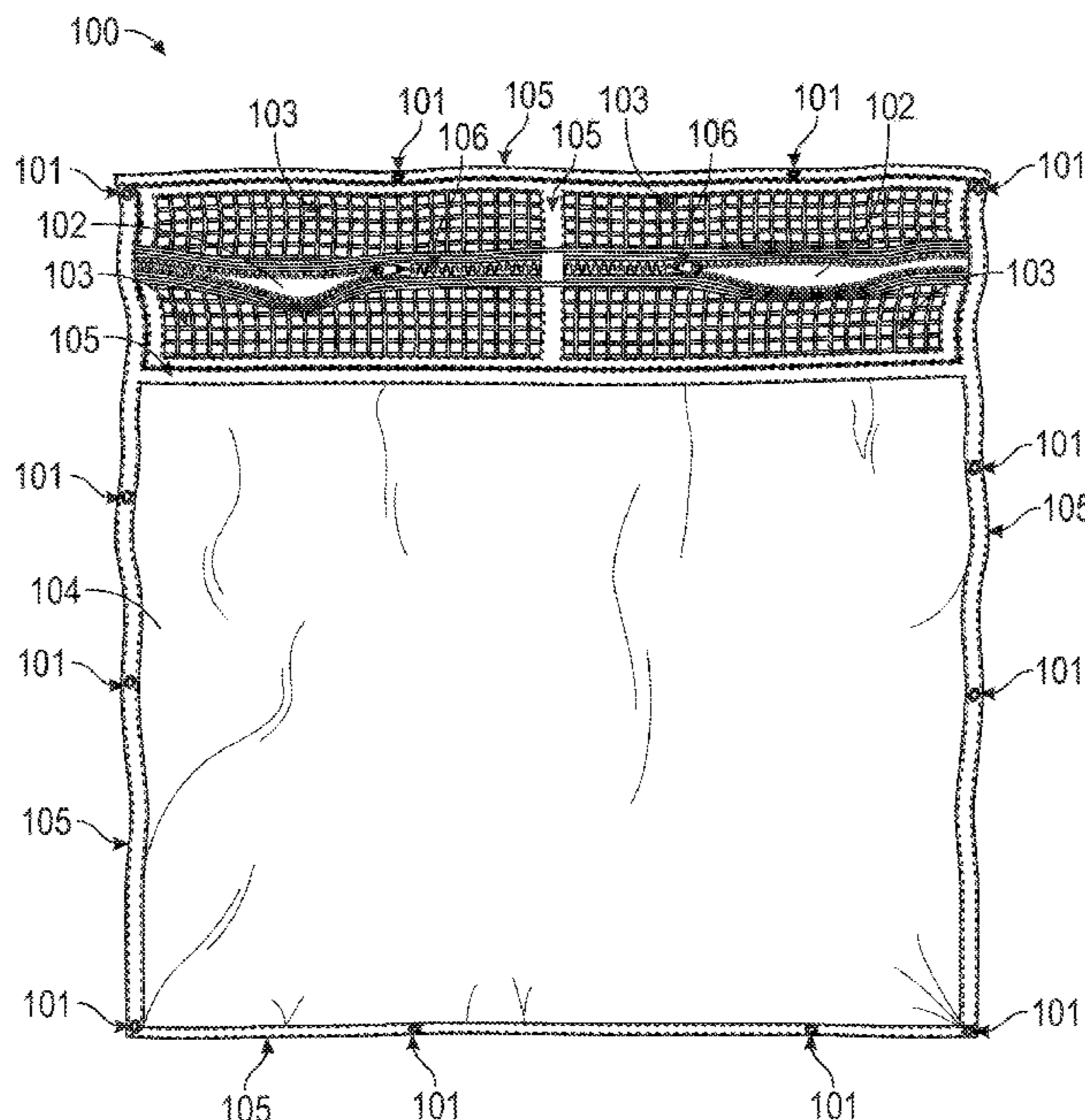
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A securing net for personal items including a mesh material having a perimeter, a border material secured to an entirety of the perimeter of the mesh material, and a plurality of securing points carried by the border material.

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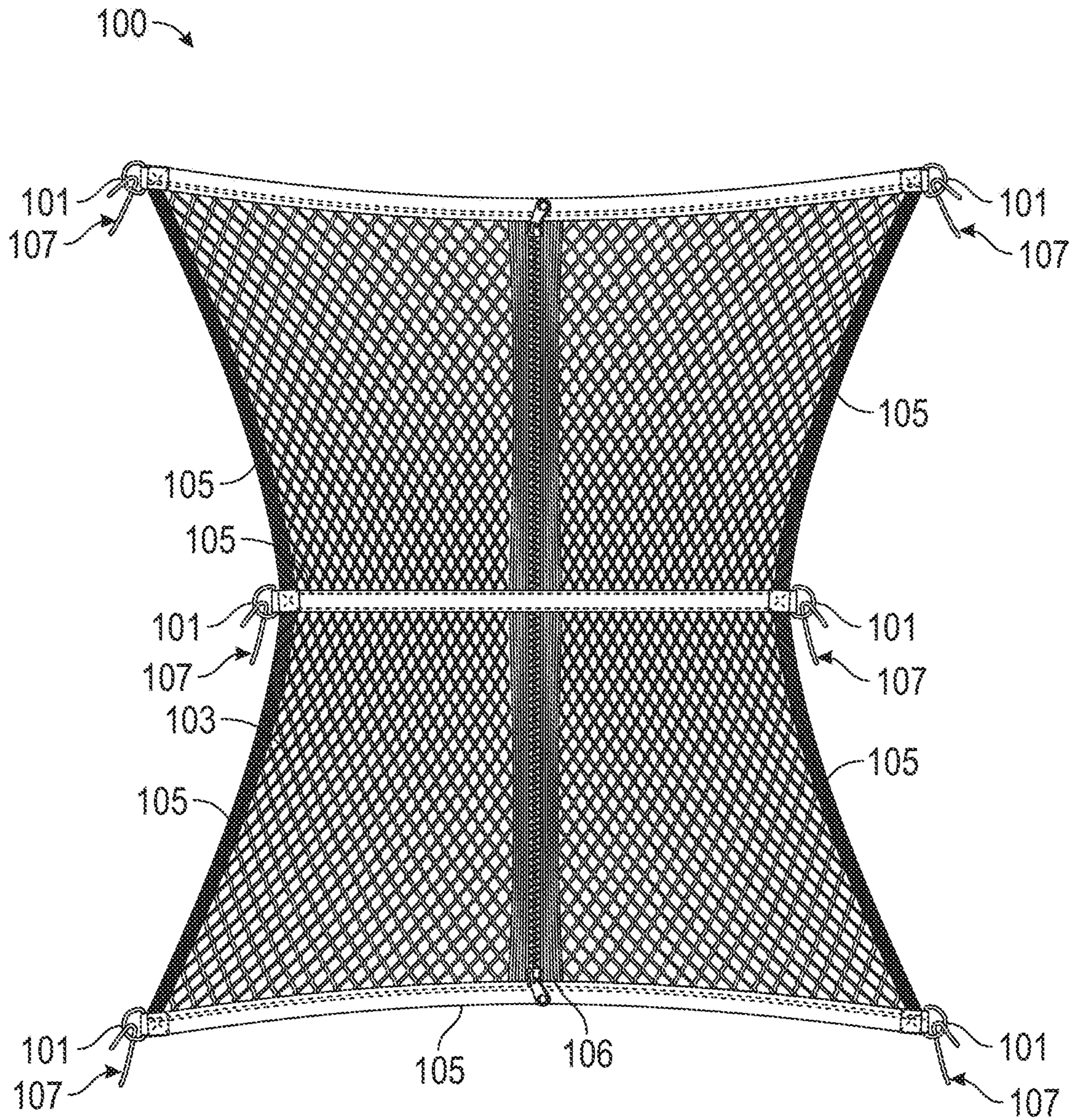


FIG. 1

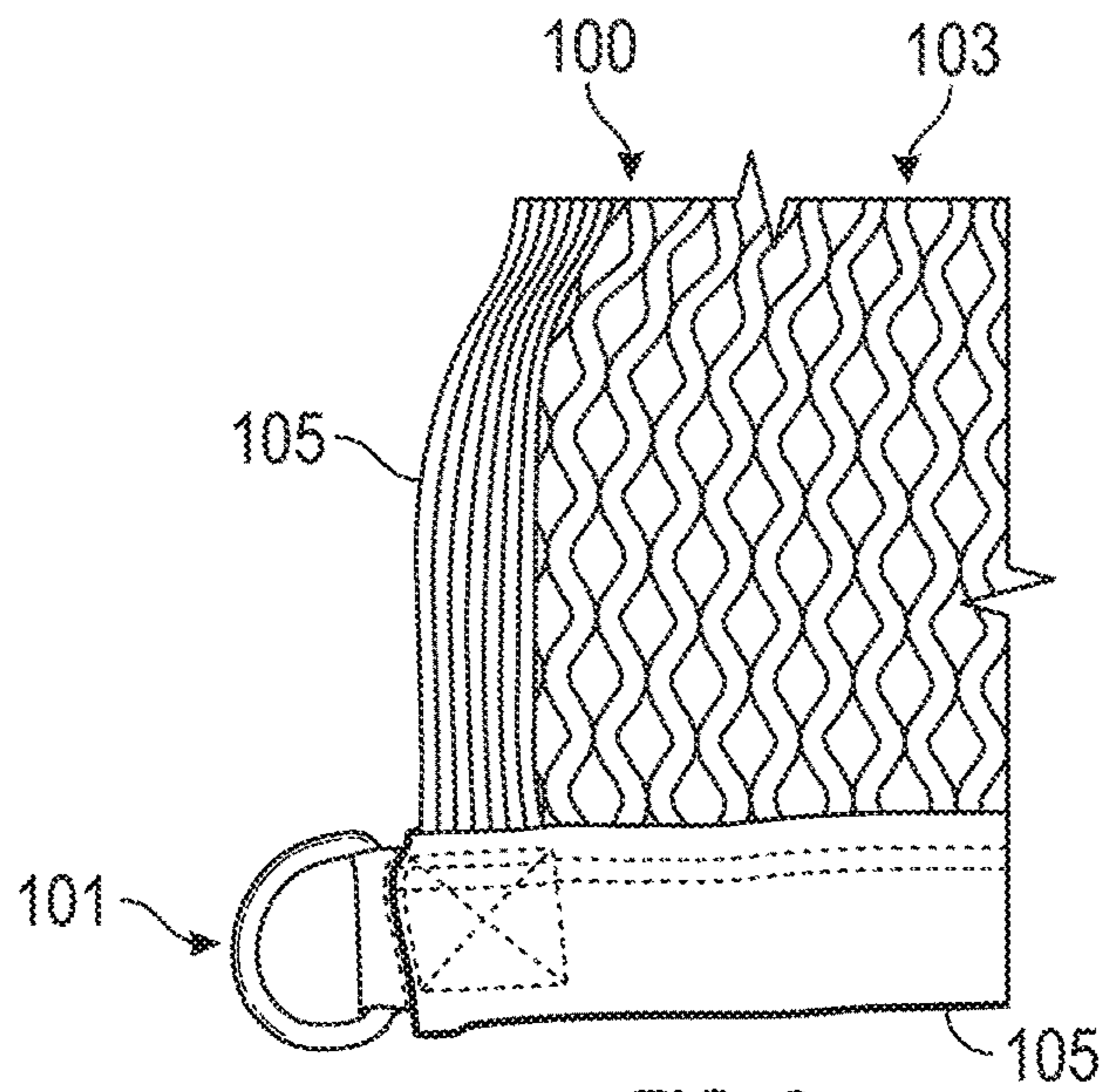


FIG. 2

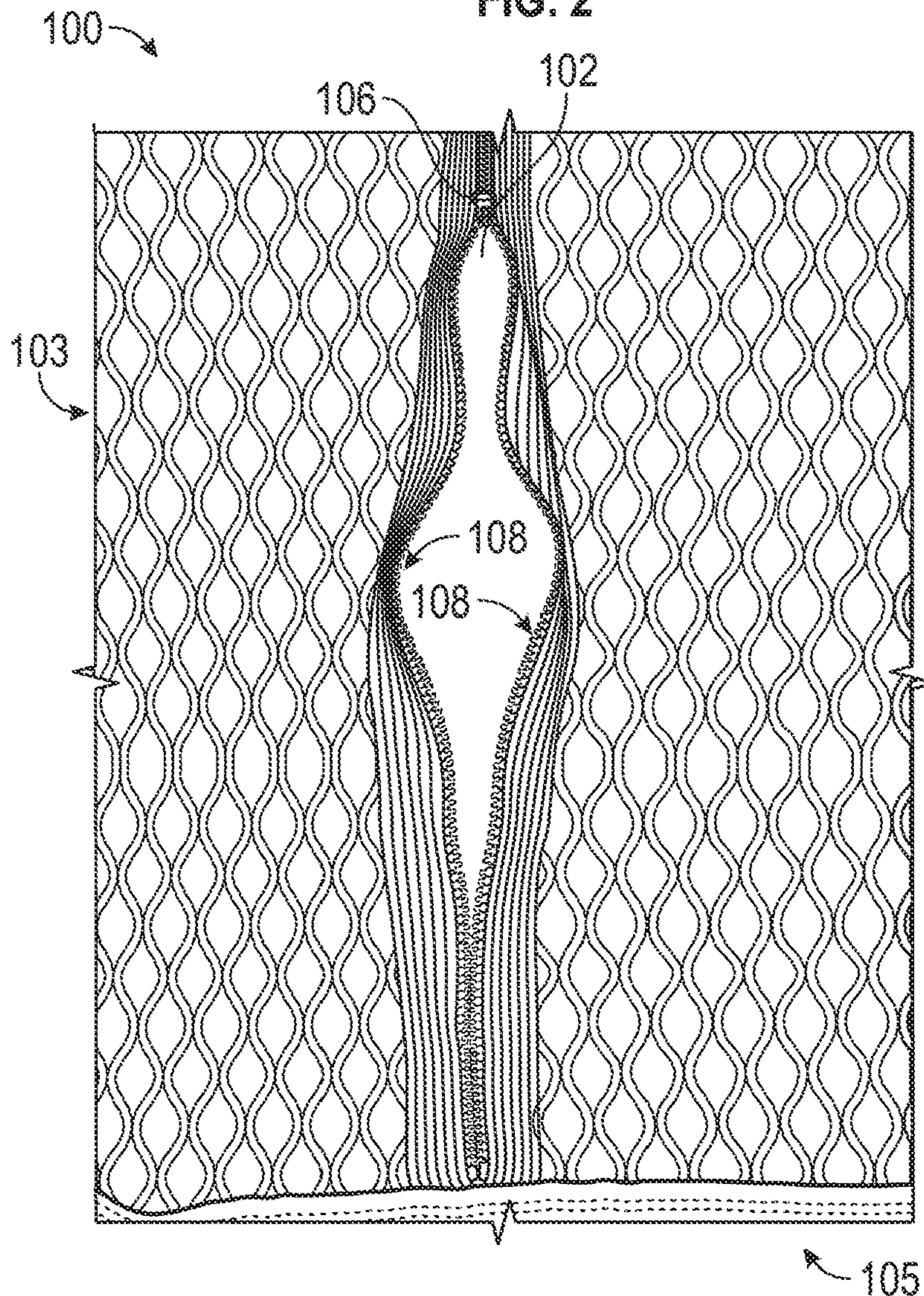


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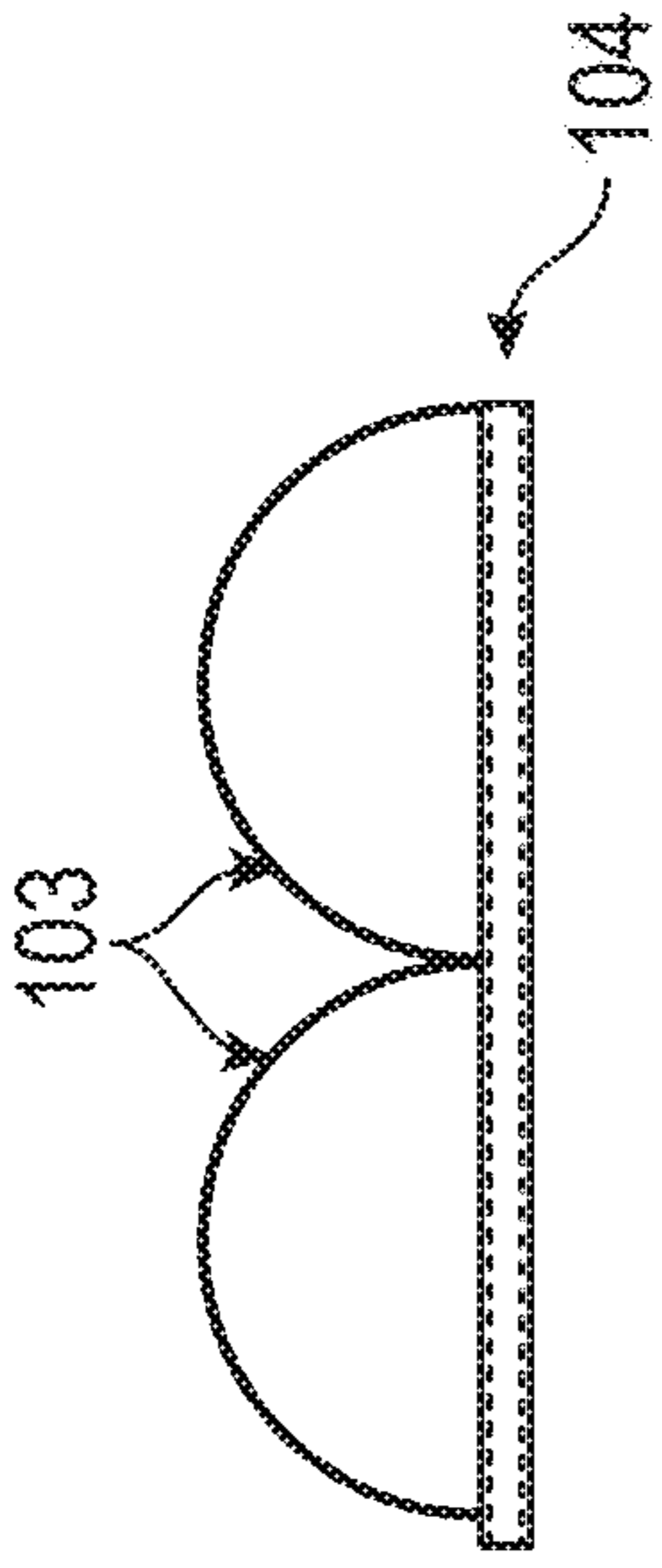


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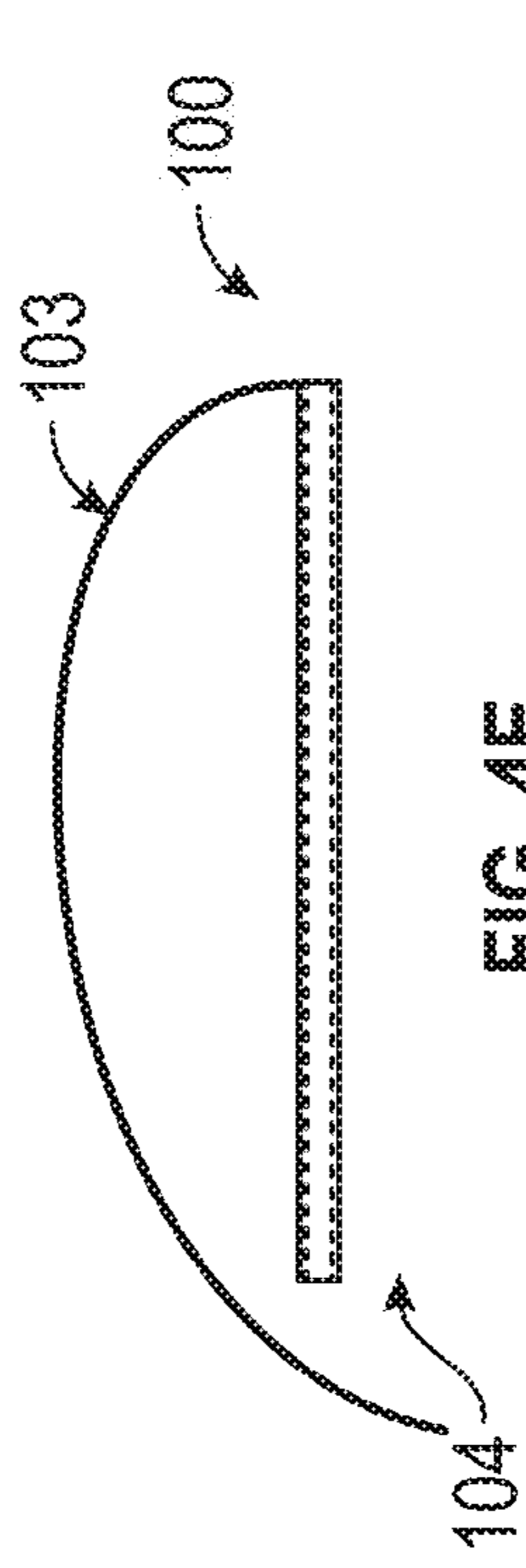


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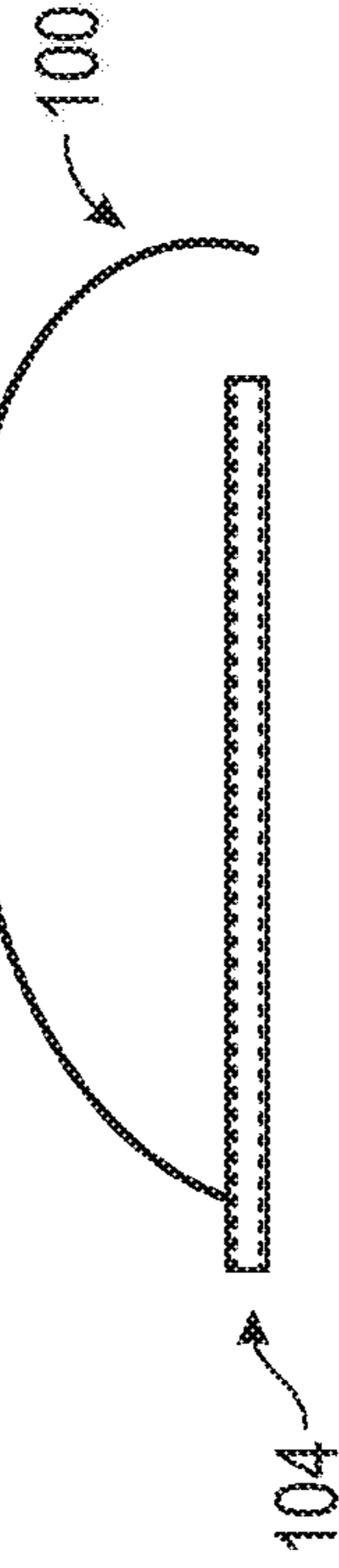


FIG. 4F

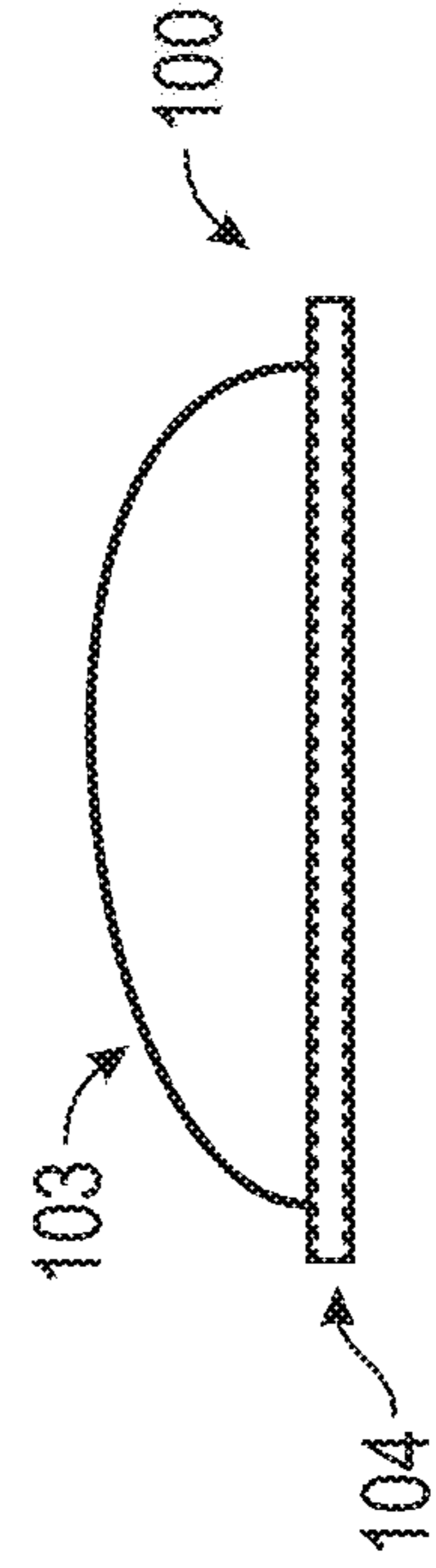


FIG. 4G

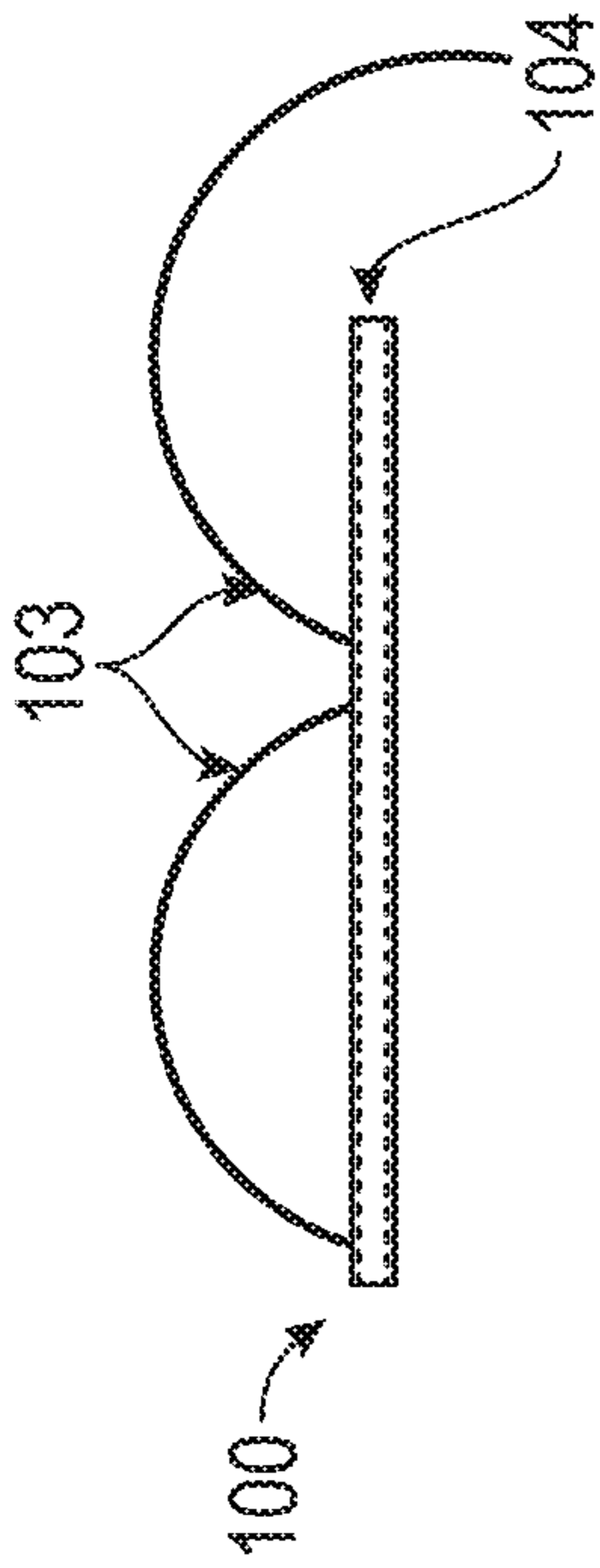


FIG. 4A

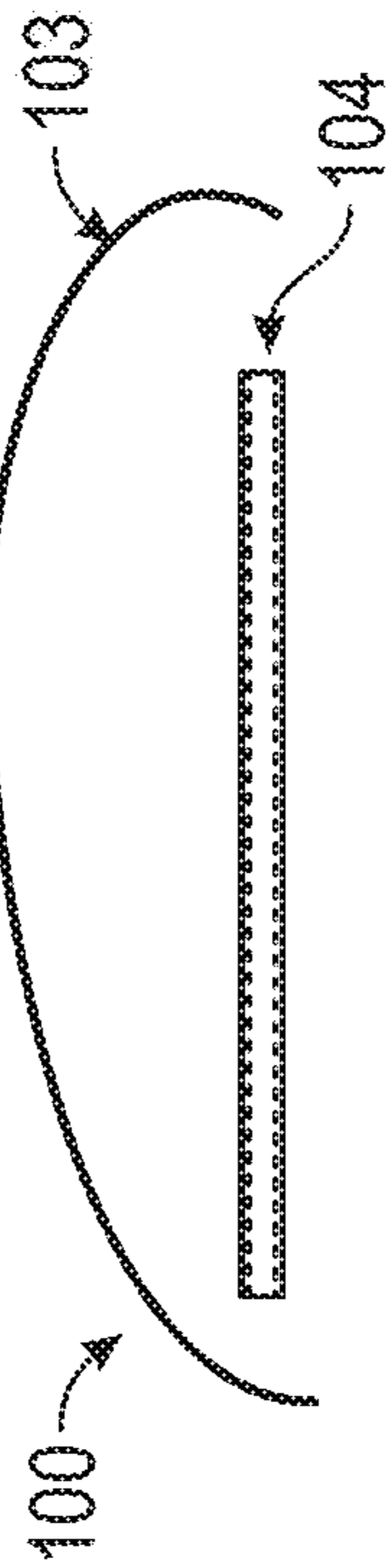


FIG. 4B

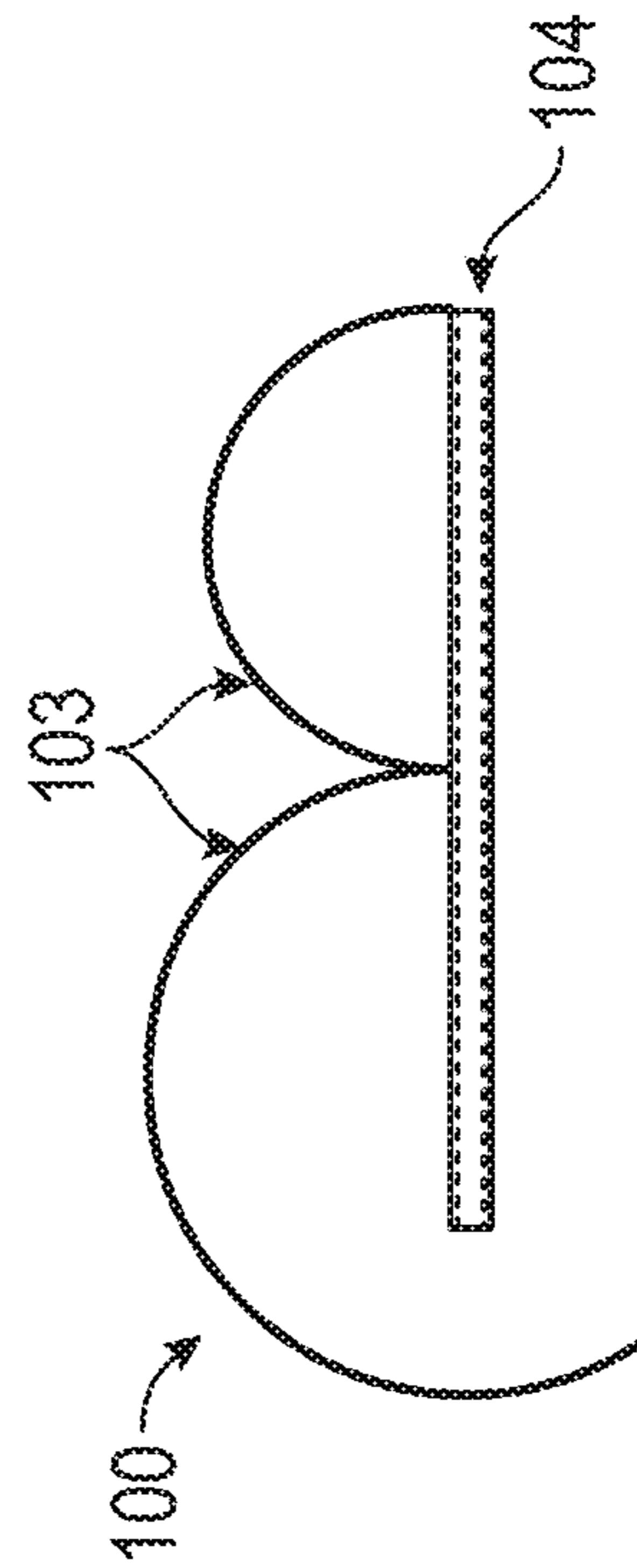


FIG. 4C

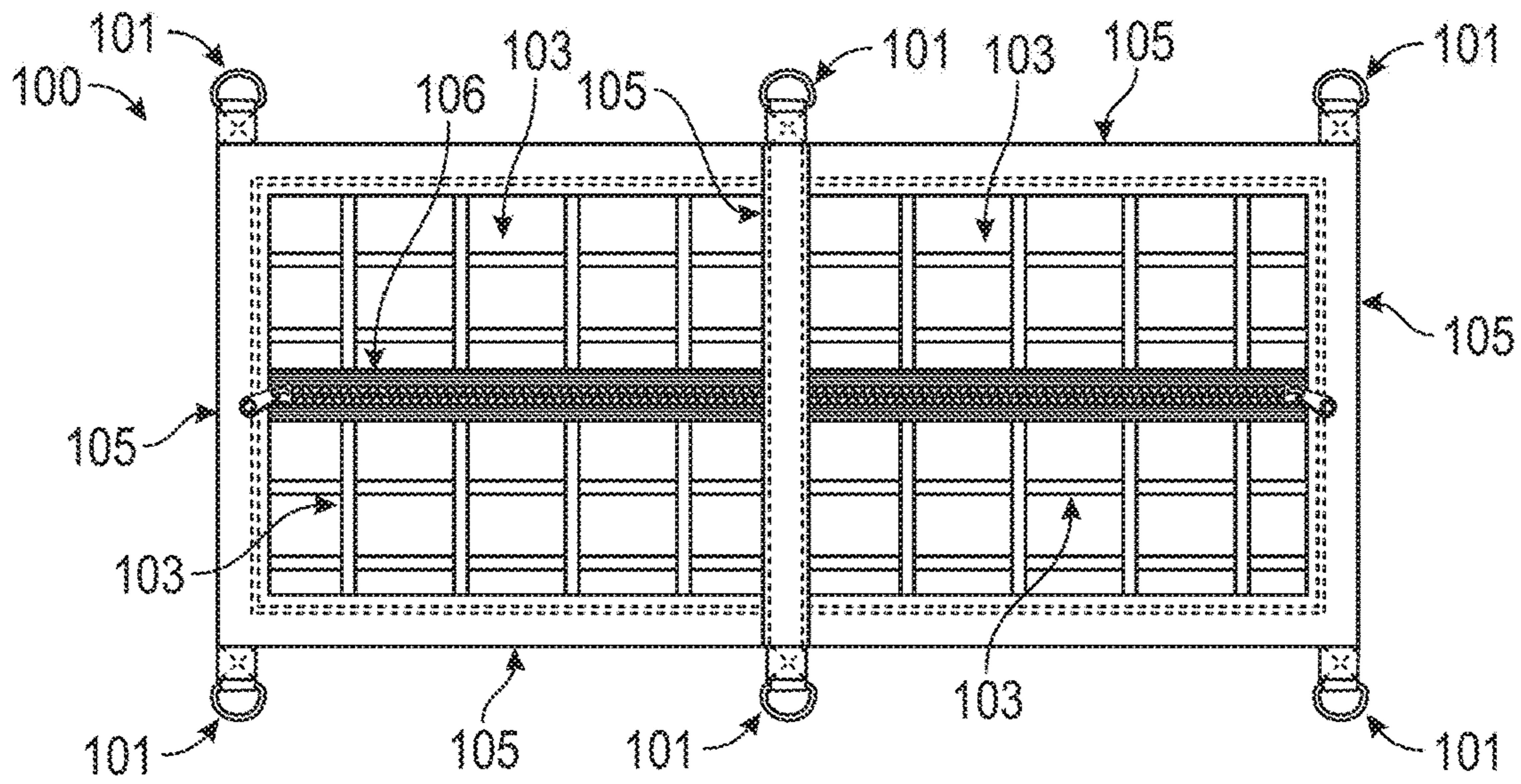


FIG. 5A

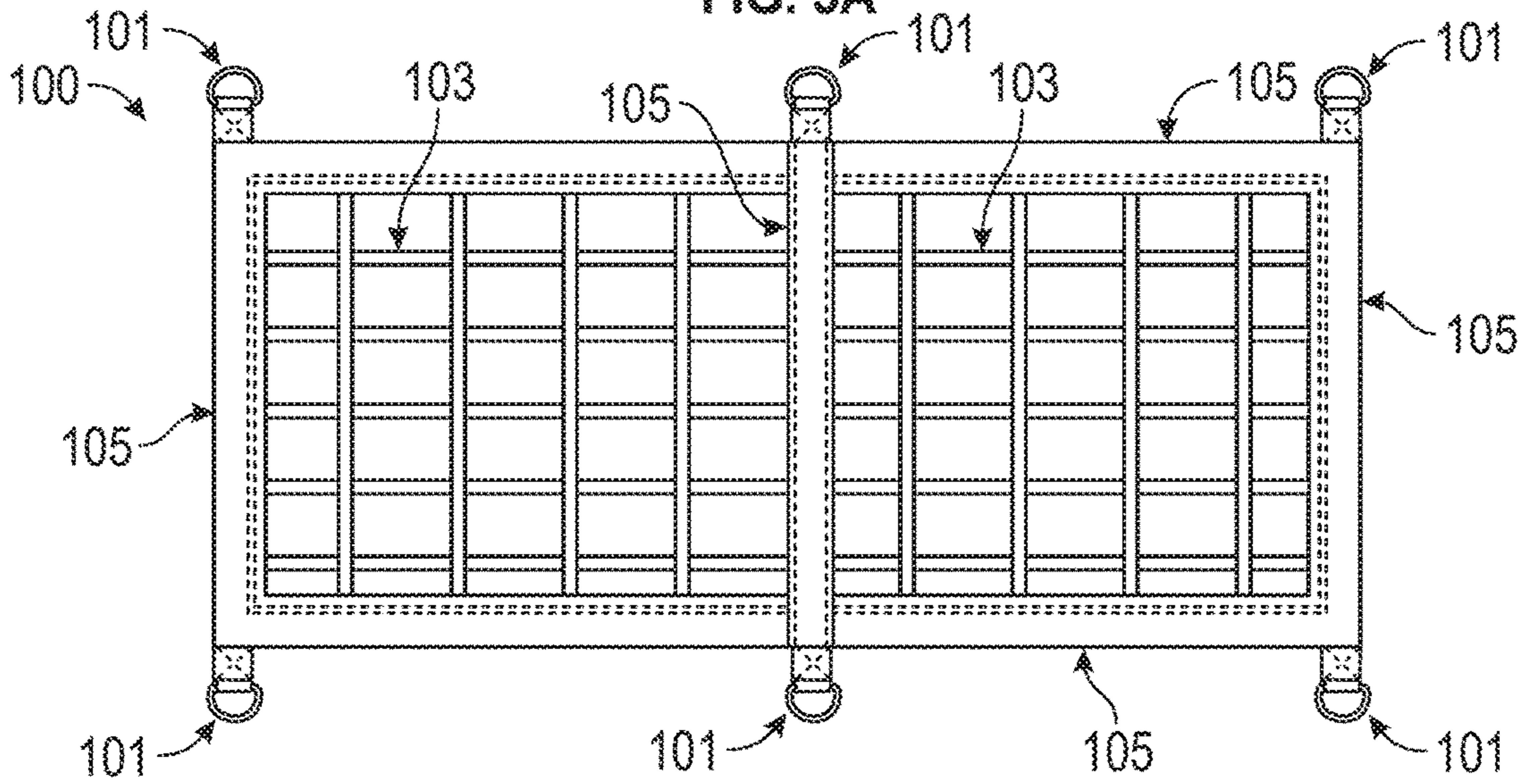


FIG. 5B

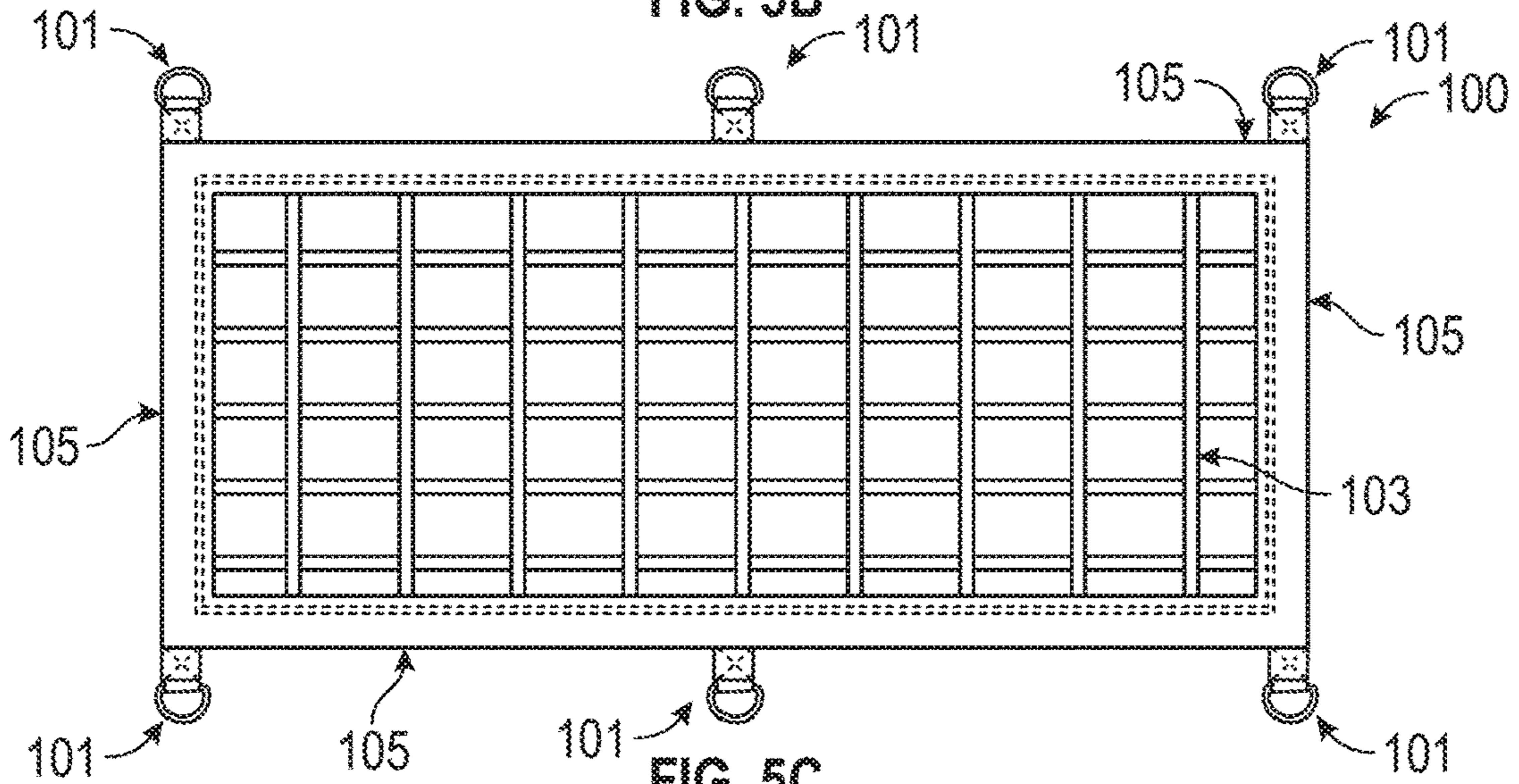


FIG. 5C

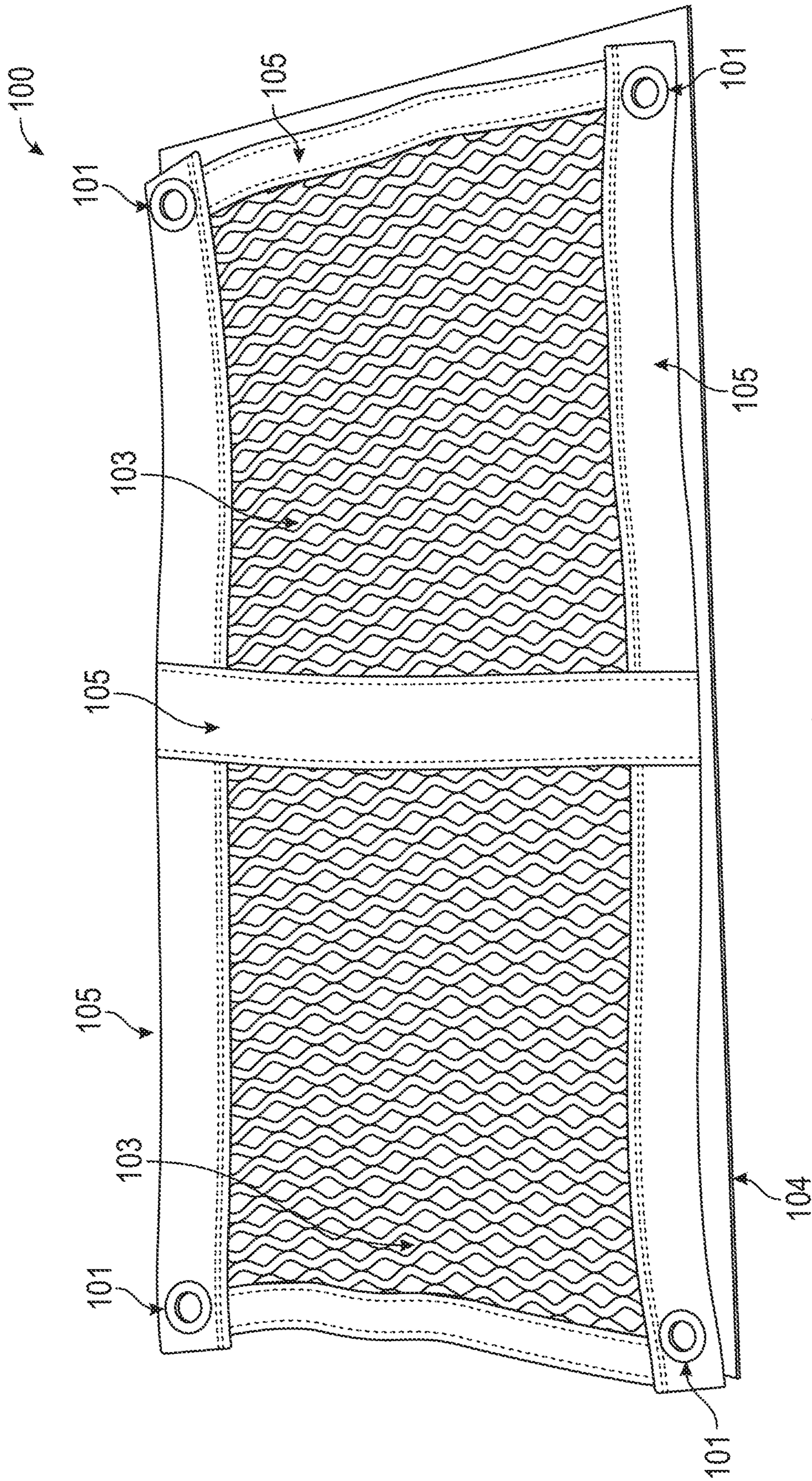


FIG. 6

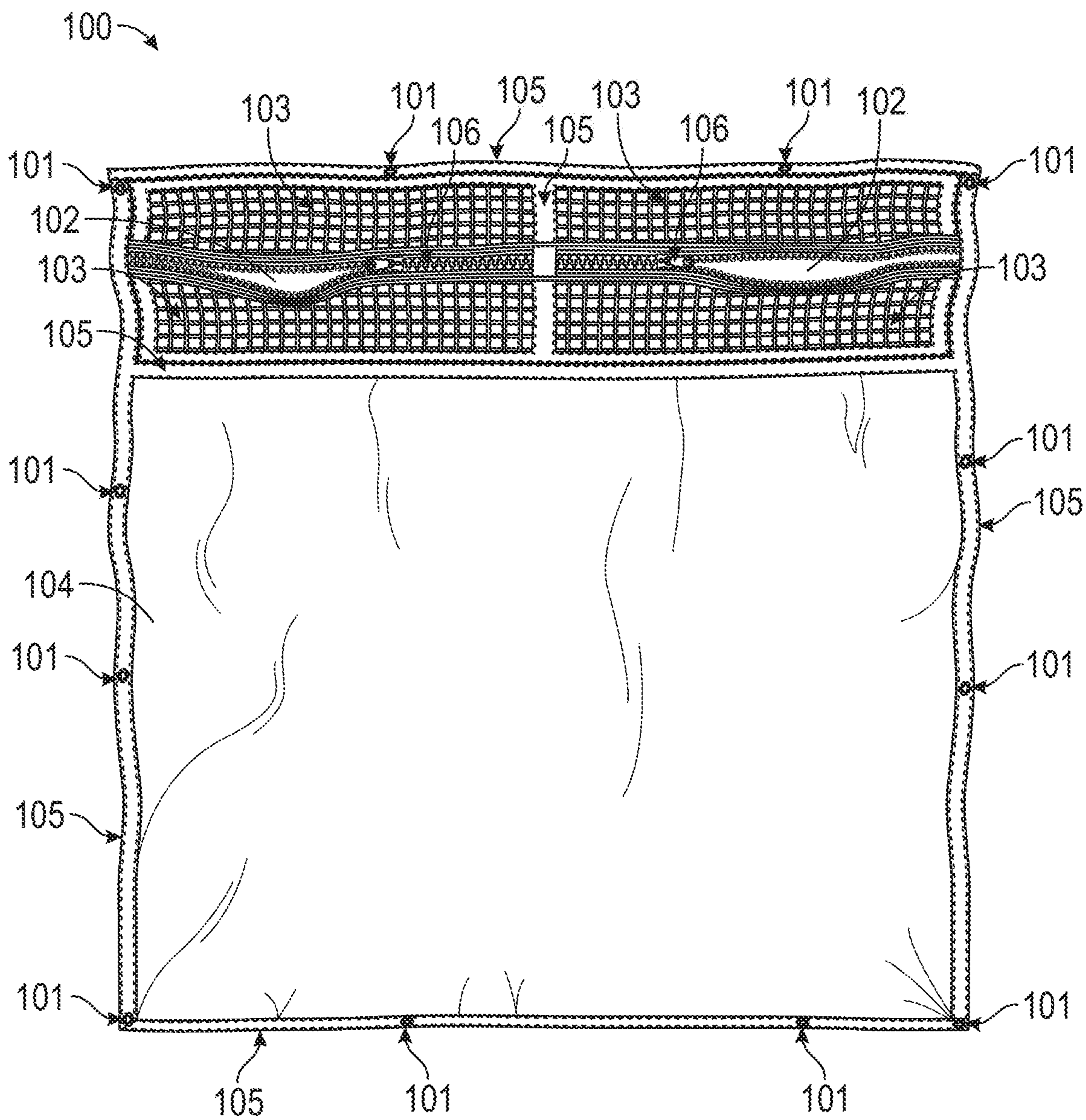


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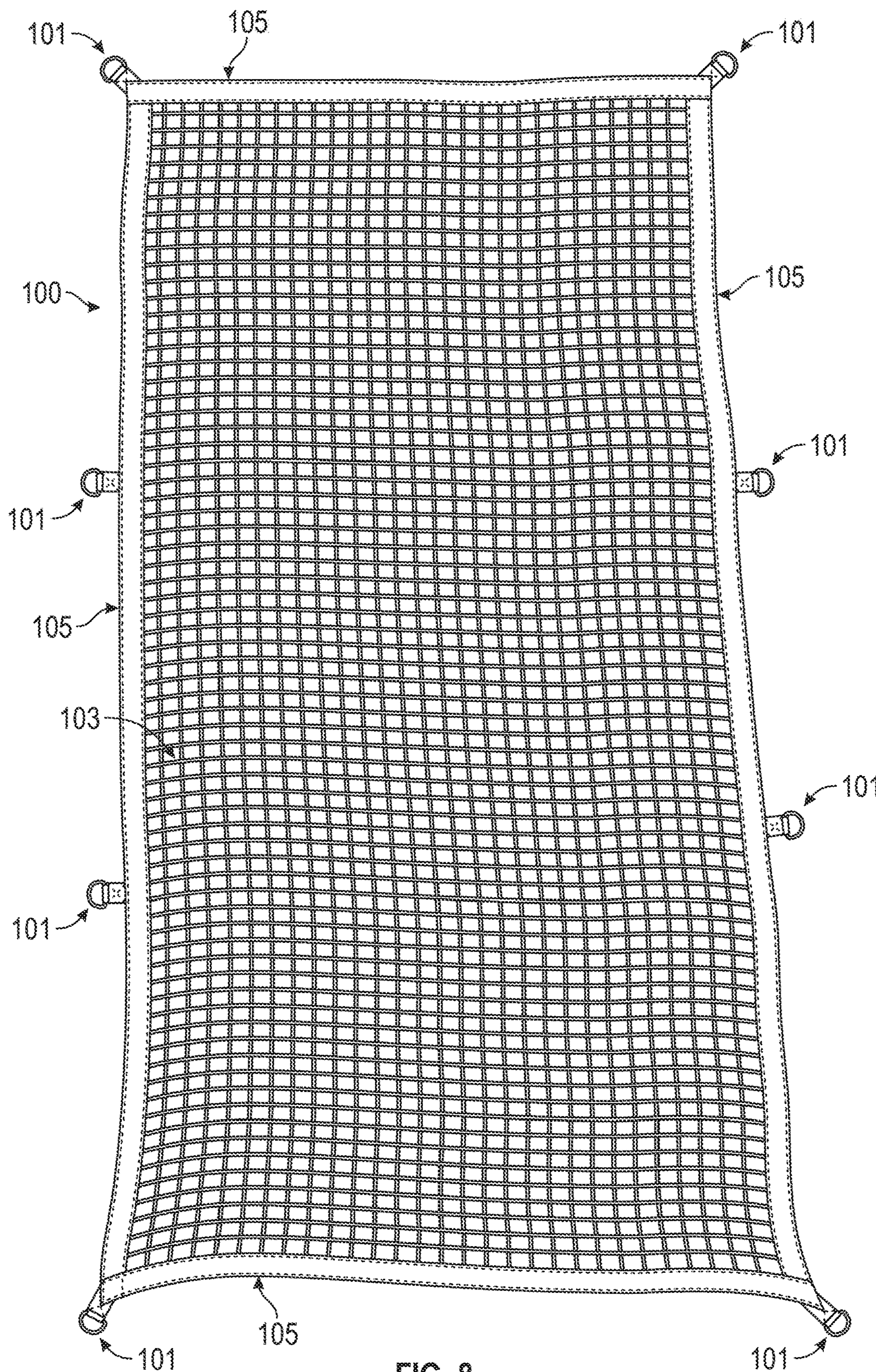


FIG. 8

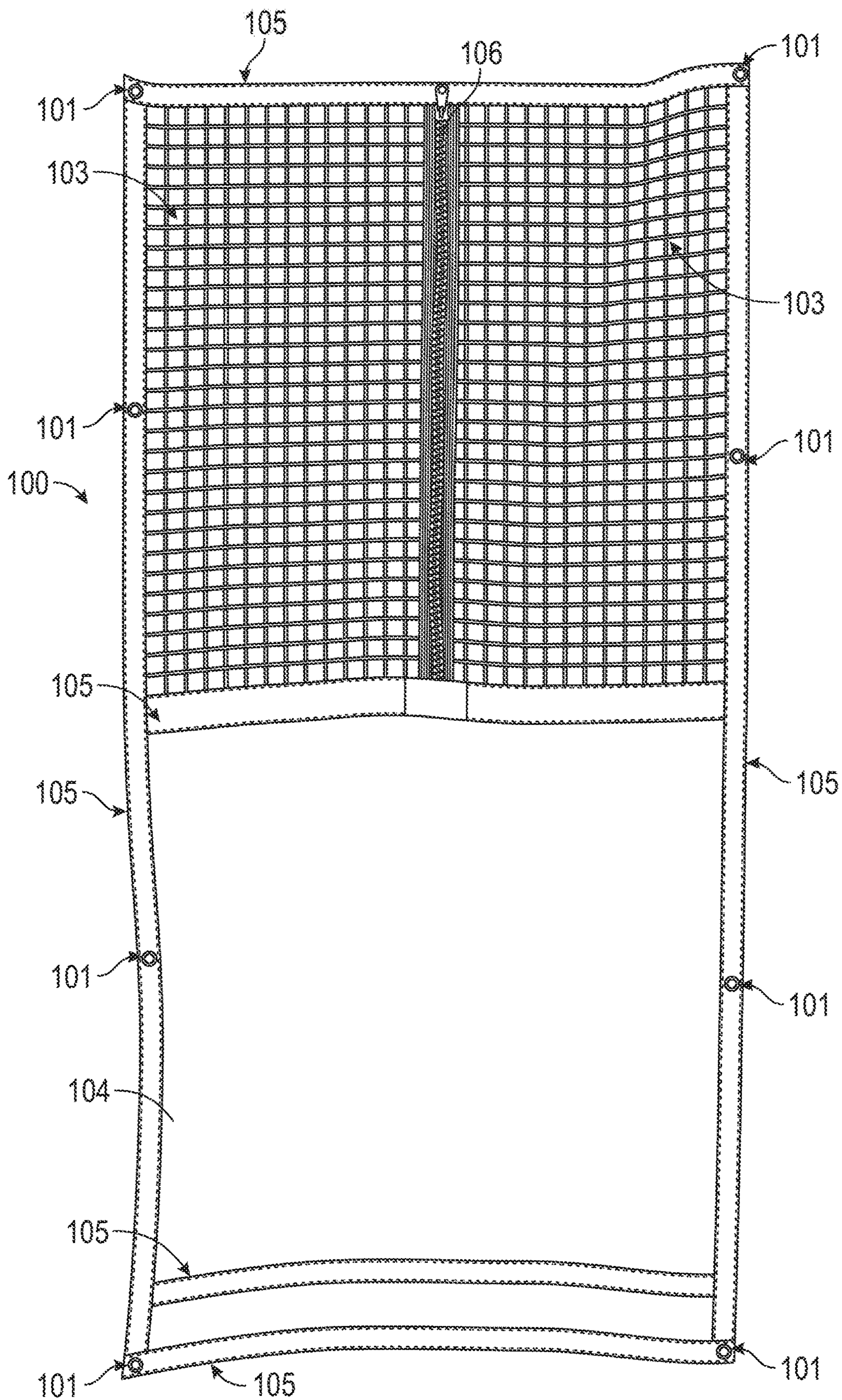


FIG. 9

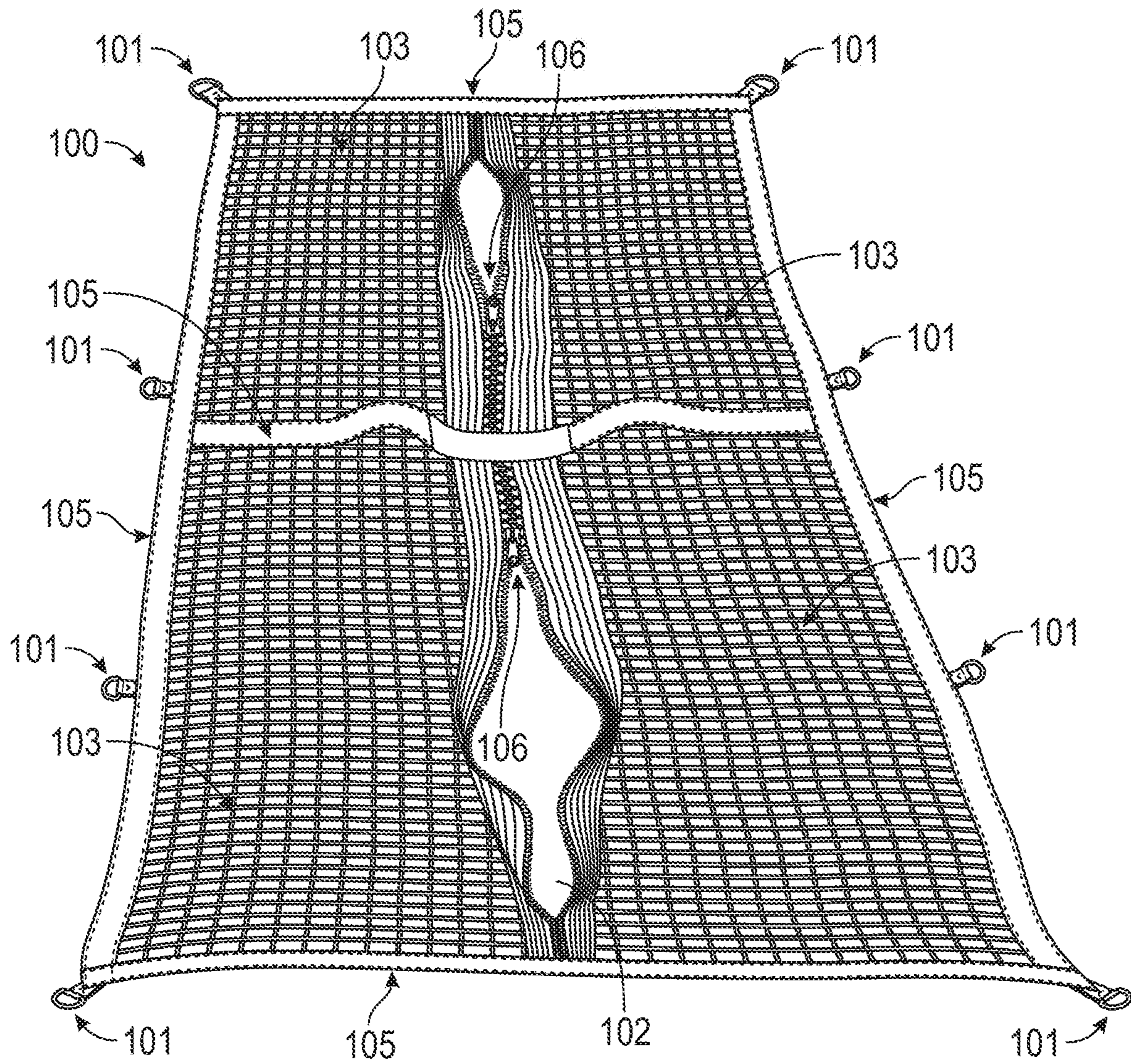


FIG. 10

1**SECURING BEACH NET**

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Ser. No. 62/666,408 filed on May 3, 2018 and titled SECURING BEACH NET. The content of this application is incorporated herein by reference.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to systems for securing personal belongings. More specifically, the present invention relates to a net adapted to secure personal belongings.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Attending the beach for swimming, sun bathing and similar pastimes is a popular recreational activity, especially in the warmer climates. Participants often have a need to sit, lie or otherwise recline on the sand. Often, Participants also bring a number of personal possessions with them to the beach, many of which may be light weight or small. Either of which can be blown away with even a light wind or difficult to locate as they may easily be covered by sand. There exists a need for a device that may be used as a beach blanket while also retaining personal items.

This background information is provided to reveal information believed by the applicant to be of possible relevance to the present invention. No admission is necessarily intended, nor should be construed, that any of the preceding information constitutes prior art against the present invention.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

With the above in mind, embodiments of the present invention are related to a securing net for personal items including a mesh material having a perimeter, a border material secured to an entirety of the perimeter of the mesh material, and a plurality of securing points carried by the border material.

The securing net may include a plurality of stakes wherein each of the plurality of stakes is adapted to be received by one of the plurality of securing points and secured to the ground.

The securing net may include a zipper carried by the mesh material and operable to gain access to a location between the mesh material and the ground.

The border material may include an elastic material.

The mesh material may include an elastic material.

The mesh material may include a plurality of elastic cords.

The mesh material may further include a first plurality of parallel elastic cords and a second plurality of parallel elastic cords perpendicular to the first plurality of parallel elastic cords.

The mesh material may be adapted to stretch at least fifty percent of its length in a longitudinal direction.

The mesh material may be adapted to stretch fifty percent of its width in a transverse direction.

At least a portion of the border material may be adapted to stretch fifty percent of its length in a longitudinal direction.

The mesh material may be non-absorbent.

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The securing net may include an interior border material member secured to a first location on the border material and to a second location on an opposing location of the border material at a location other than at an edge of the mesh material.

The interior border material member may extend from a first midpoint of a first portion of the border material to a second midpoint of a second portion of the border material, which opposes the first midpoint of the first portion of the border material.

The securing may include a mat secured to the border material. The mat may be non-absorbent.

An embodiment of the securing net for personal items may include a first mesh material having a first perimeter; a first border material secured to an entirety of the first perimeter of the first mesh material; a second mesh material having at least a first edge secured to the first border material; a third mesh material having at least a second edge secured to the first border material; a first zipper half secured to at least a third edge of the second mesh material; a second zipper half secured to at least a fourth edge of the third mesh material and adapted to mate with the first zipper half; a plurality of securing points secured to the first border material; and a mat secured to at least a portion of the first border material.

The unstretched perimeter of the mesh material may be equal to or less than the perimeter of the mat.

The securing net may include a plurality of stakes wherein each of the plurality of stakes is adapted to be received by one of the first plurality of securing points and secured to the ground.

The first and second zipper halves may be operable to gain access to a location between the second and third mesh materials and the mat.

The securing net for personal items may include an elastic, non-absorbent first mesh material adapted to stretch fifty percent of its length in a longitudinal direction, to stretch fifty percent of its width in a transverse direction, and having a perimeter, the mesh material may include: a first plurality of parallel elastic cords, and a second plurality of parallel elastic cords perpendicular to the first plurality of parallel elastic cords; an elastic, non-absorbent border material adapted to stretch fifty percent of its length in a longitudinal direction and secured to an entirety of the perimeter of the mesh material; a plurality of securing points secured to the border material; a plurality of stakes wherein each of the plurality of stakes is adapted to be received by one of the plurality of securing points and secured to the ground; a non-absorbent mat having a perimeter wherein at least a portion of the perimeter is secured to the border material; a zipper carried by the mesh material and operable to gain access to a location between the mesh material and the mat; and an interior border material member secured to a first location at a first midpoint of a first side on the border material and to a second location at a second midpoint of a second side on the border material, opposing the first side at a location other than at an edge of the mesh material.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the securing net according to an embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 2 is a top plan view of a securing point of the securing net of FIG. 1.

FIG. 3 is a top plan view of an opening of the securing net of FIG. 1.

FIG. 4a is a side elevation view of a possible configuration of the securing net according to an embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 4b is a side elevation view of a possible configuration of the securing net according to an embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 4c is a side elevation view of a possible configuration of the securing net according to an embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 4d is a side elevation view of a possible configuration of the securing net according to an embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 4e is a side elevation view of a possible configuration of the securing net according to an embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 4f is a side elevation view of a possible configuration of the securing net according to an embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 4g is a side elevation view of a possible configuration of the securing net according to an embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 5a is a top plan view of a possible configuration of the securing net according to an embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 5b is a top plan view of a possible configuration of the securing net according to an embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 5c is a top plan view of a possible configuration of the securing net according to an embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 6 is a top plan view of the securing net in accordance with an embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 7 is a top plan view of the securing net according to an embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 8 is a top plan view of the securing net according to an embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 9 is a top plan view of the securing net according to an embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 10 is a top plan view of the securing net according to an embodiment of the invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present invention will now be described more fully hereinafter with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which preferred embodiments of the invention are shown. This invention may, however, be embodied in many different forms and should not be construed as limited to the embodiments set forth herein. Rather, these embodiments are provided so that this disclosure will be thorough and complete, and will fully convey the scope of the invention to those skilled in the art. Those of ordinary skill in the art realize that the following descriptions of the embodiments of the present invention are illustrative and are not intended to be limiting in any way. Other embodiments of the present invention will readily suggest themselves to such skilled persons having the benefit of this disclosure. Like numbers refer to like elements throughout.

Although the following detailed description contains many specifics for the purposes of illustration, anyone of ordinary skill in the art will appreciate that many variations and alterations to the following details are within the scope of the invention. Accordingly, the following embodiments of the invention are set forth without any loss of generality to, and without imposing limitations upon, the invention.

In this detailed description of the present invention, a person skilled in the art should note that directional terms, such as “above,” “below,” “upper,” “lower,” and other like terms are used for the convenience of the reader in reference to the drawings. Also, a person skilled in the art should notice this description may contain other terminology to convey position, orientation, and direction without departing from the principles of the present invention.

Furthermore, in this detailed description, a person skilled in the art should note that quantitative qualifying terms such as “generally,” “substantially,” “mostly,” and other terms are used, in general, to mean that the referred to object, characteristic, or quality constitutes a majority of the subject of the reference. The meaning of any of these terms is dependent upon the context within which it is used, and the meaning may be expressly modified.

An embodiment of the invention, as shown and described by the various figures and accompanying text, provides a securing net 100. The securing net 100 may include a mesh material 103, a border material 105, and a plurality of securing points 101. In one embodiment, the securing net 100 may additionally include a mat 104. Personal items may be placed under the mesh material 103 and the mesh material 103 may secure the personal items.

The mesh material 103 may be constructed from a flexible, elastic material, which may be formed from elastic rubber, or the like. The mesh material 103 may be non-elastic but may include an elastic cord or may include be secured to an elastic border material 105. The mesh material 103 may include rubber, polyester, nylon, HDPE, PE, PP, or the like. The mesh material 103 may be adapted to stretch in both a longitudinal and transverse direction. In one embodiment, the mesh material 103 may be adapted to stretch approximately 50% of its length in both a longitudinal and transverse direction. In other embodiments, the mesh material 103 may be adapted to stretch 50% or less in both a longitudinal and transverse direction. The mesh material 103 may be non-absorbent or hydrophobic.

The mesh of the mesh material 103 may be formed from a plurality of evenly spaced strands, elastic cords, or the like. Each of the evenly spaced strands, cords, or the like may be elastic. There may be a first plurality of evenly spaced strands, cords, or the like, wherein each of the strands, cords, or the like in the first plurality of evenly spaced strands, cords, or the like are positioned parallel to the other strands, cords, or the like in the first plurality of evenly spaced strands, cords, or the like. There may be a second plurality of evenly spaced strands, cords, or the like, wherein each of the strands, cords, or the like in the second plurality of evenly spaced strands, cords, or the like are positioned parallel to the other strands, cords, or the like in the second plurality of evenly spaced strands, cords, or the like. The first and second pluralities of evenly spaced strands, cords, or the like may be joined together perpendicularly to one another. In another embodiment, there may be a plurality of strands, cords, or the like extending from a first side of the mesh material 103 to an opposing second side of the mesh material 103. Each of the plurality of strands, cords, or the like may be secured at intervals to another, adjacent of the plurality of strands, cords, or the like. The attachment may alternate between attachment to a strand, cord, or the like located adjacently on a first side of the strand, cord, or the like and to a strand, cord, or the like located adjacently on a second side, which opposes the first side, of the strand, cord, or the like.

The mesh material 103 may have a border material 105 around one or more edges. The border material 105 may be

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flexible and may include an elastic material. In one embodiment, the border material **105** may be secured to an entirety of the perimeter of the mesh material **103**. The mesh material **103** may have four sides and may have elastic border materials **105** on all four sides. The border material **105** may be adapted to stretch fifty percent in a longitudinal direction. The mesh material **103** may have a border material **105** extending transverse the mesh material **103** at a location other than an edge of the mesh material **103**. Such a border material may be referred to as an interior border material **105**. In one embodiment, a border material **105** may extend transverse the mesh material **103** from the midpoint of a first side to the midpoint of a second, opposing side. This may be an interior border material **105** and may be referred to as a center border material **105**. Interior border materials **105**, including the center border material **105**, may be secured to a mat **104** either fixedly or removably and may be elastic or non-elastic. In embodiments in which interior border materials **105** are removably secured to the mesh material **103**, the mesh material **103** have a securing member affixed thereto, which may be adapted to secure to a mating securing member located on the removable interior border material **105**.

One or more border materials **105** may include a flexible band. In one embodiment, one or more flexible bands may be located along an entirety of the perimeter of the mesh material **103**. In one embodiment, the center border material may include a flexible band configured to extend along a centerline of the mesh material **103**. In such an embodiment, the center border material **105** may be removably secured to the mesh material **103** with a fastener such as, but not limited to, a zipper, button, snap, hook and loop, or the like. In such an embodiment, the center border material **105** may have at least two securing points **101**, one located at each opposing end of the center border material **105** and adapted to receive a stake, which may secure the center border material **105** to the ground.

Securing points **101** may be secured directly to or carried by the border material **105** and be adapted to secure the mesh material **103** in a stretched configuration or to immobilize the mesh material **103**. In one embodiment, the securing points **101** may be d-rings, loops, grommets, or the like. In such an embodiment, the securing net **100** may include a plurality of stakes **107**. Each of the plurality of stakes may be carried or received by a securing point **101** and utilized to secure the mesh material **103** to the ground or similar surface. In one embodiment, the securing points **101** may be envelopes, bags, containers, or the like. The securing point **101** may be adapted to hold sand, rocks, or another weighted material, which would secure the securing net **100** to the ground. The securing points **101** may be located at each vertex of the mesh material **103**. Securing points **101** may be located along sides of the mesh material **103**. In one embodiment, securing points **101** may be located at the midpoint of one or more sides of the mesh material **103**. One or more securing points **101** may be carried by a border material **105**, including, but not limited to, a center border material **105**. Each of the securing points **101** may secure to the border material **105** and extend perpendicularly from the border material **105**. Alternatively, each of the securing points **101**, in particular the securing points **101** at vertices, may secure to the border material **105** and extend away from the mesh material **103** at an angle to the border material **105**. The securing point **101** may be positioned about a vertex of the border material **105** and extend away from the mesh material **103** parallel to a line bisecting the vertex. Each securing point **101** may be carried by the border material **105**. Each

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securing point **101** may form an aperture in the border material **105**. Similarly, securing points **101** may be secured to the mat **104** and positioned to align with securing points **101** secured to the mesh material **103**.

In one embodiment, a non-flexible center border material **105** may be fixedly secured to the mat **104** along a centerline of the mat **105**. On a first side of the centerline, the border materials adjacent the center border material **105** may be fixedly secured to the mesh material **103** while the border material **105** on the first side opposing the center border material **105** may be unsecured to or removably secured to the mat **103** to create a pocket configuration. On a second side of the centerline, the border material **105** may be flexible and unsecured to or removably secured to the mat **103**. Such a configuration may allow the mesh material **103** to be stretched beyond a perimeter of the mat **104** and secured to the ground using stakes or the like.

The mesh material **103** may have no opening or may have one or more openings **102** in addition to the openings inherently apparent due to the nature of mesh construction. The opening **102** may be positioned parallel to a side or border material **105** of the mesh material **103**. A user may utilize the opening **102** to access personal belongings stored beneath the mesh material **103**. In embodiments having a center border material **105**, there may be an opening **102** on either or both sides of the center border material **105**. The opening **102** may be located along a centerline of the mesh material **103**. The opening **102** may be positioned parallel to a side of the mesh material **103**. The opening **102** may be secured in a closed configuration with an opening fastener **106**, which may be, but is not limited to, a zipper, button, snap, hook and loop, or the like.

Each portion of mesh material **103** may have a perimeter. In one embodiment, the opening **102** may be formed between two portions of mesh material **103**. Each of the two portions of mesh material **103** may carry a zipper half **108**, which may be secured to an edge of the respective mesh material **103** portions. The zipper halves **108** may be adapted and positioned to mate with one another. The zipper **106** may be operable to gain access to a location between the mesh material **103** and the ground when the securing net **100** is secured to the ground with stakes **107**. The zipper **106** may be operable to gain access to a location between the mesh material **103** and the mat **104** when the securing net **100** is secured to a mat **104**.

In one embodiment, a mat **104** may be securable to the mesh material **103** or the border material **105**. The mat **104** may be a piece of material, which may be non-absorbent. In one embodiment, the mat **104** may be a two-ply material, such as, but not limited to, agricultural fabric, double layer high-density polyethylene (HDPE), or the like. In one embodiment, the mat **104** may include polyester, PVC, nylon parachute nylon, cotton, microfiber, polypropylene, or the like. The mesh material **103** may cover substantially the entirety of the area of the mat **104** and may have a perimeter with dimensions equal to the dimensions of the perimeter of the mat **104**. In another embodiment, the mesh material **103** may be sized to cover a portion of the mat **104** less than the entirety. In one embodiment, the mesh material **103** may be sized to cover essentially half of the mat **104**.

The mesh material **103** may be fixedly secured to the mat **104** or removably secured. In embodiments in which the mesh material **103** or border material **105** is fixedly secured to the mat **104**, the center border material **105** may be sewn to the mat **104**. The center border material **105** may be sewn to the mat **104** along an entirety of the length of the center border material **105**. In embodiments in which the mesh

material **103** or border material **105** is removably secured to the mat **104**, the mesh material **103** or border material **105** may be secured to the mat **104** with a fastener, such as, but not limited to, zippers, hooks and loops, buttons, snaps, or the like, which may be carried by the border material **105** or mesh material **103**. The mesh material **103** or border material **105** may be fixedly secured to the mat **104** at some connection points and removably secured at others. The mesh material **103** or border material **105** may be secured, either fixedly or removably, along an entirety or portion of any side, at a midpoint, or along an entirety of a centerline. Removable and fixed attachments may be provided in any combination at these securing locations. In one embodiment, the securing net **100** may be rectangular. The mesh material **103** may be fixedly or removably secured to the mat **104** along a centerline traversing the mat **104** and removably secured to one or both opposing ends parallel to the centerline. FIGS. **4a-g** depict some possible securement configurations. The securing mat **100** may be triangular, circular, or have any other perimeter shape.

The securing net **100** may have many different configurations as depicted at least in FIGS. **1**, **5A**, **5B**, **5C**, and **6-10**. And combinations of these configurations are also possible.

In embodiments with an interior border material **105**, whether or not the interior border material **105** is at a center point, there may be more than one mesh material **103** member. In such an embodiment, there may be two or more mesh material **103** members. In one possible embodiment, there may be a first side and a second side of the securing net **100**, which may be divided by the interior border material **105**. The first side may include a mesh material **103** secured to the border material **105** around an entirety of the perimeter of the mesh material **103**. The second side may also include a mesh material **103** secured to the border material **105** around an entirety of the perimeter of the mesh material **103** of the second side. The mesh material **103** of both the first side and second side may secure to the interior border material **105** on opposing sides of the interior border material **105**.

In another embodiment, the first side may include a mesh material **103** secured to the border material **105** around an entirety of the perimeter of the mesh material **103**. The second side may also include a second mesh material **103** member and a third mesh material **103** member. One side of both the second and third mesh material **103** members may secure to the interior border material **105** on a side of the interior border material **105** opposing the side on which the mesh material **103** of the first side of the securing net **100** is attached. On adjacent sides of the second and third mesh material **103** members extending away from the interior border member **105**, zipper halves may be secured to the mesh material **103** members. These zipper halves may be adapted to secure to one another and join the second and third mesh material **103** members together. The remaining edges of both the second and third mesh material **103** members may be secured to border material **105**.

In yet another embodiment, both sides of the securing net **100** may be formed with zippers securing two mesh material **103** members to one another.

Each of these described configurations of the securing net **100** may be used in combination with a mat **104**. The mat may have a perimeter equal to the perimeter of the outer border material **105** secured to the mesh material **103**. In another embodiment, the perimeter of the mat **105** may be larger than the perimeter of the outer border material **105**. This may allow a user to rest upon the mat **104** while the mat

104 is secured to the mesh material **103** or personal items are secured between the mat **104** and the mesh material **103**.

The mat **104** may have securing points **101** located around a perimeter. In one embodiment, the securing points **101** may be d-rings, loops, grommets, or the like. In such an embodiment, a stake may be carried by the attachment point **101** and utilized to secure the mat **104** to the ground or similar surface. In one embodiment, the securing points **101** may be envelopes, bags, or the like adapted to hold sand, rocks, or another weighted material adapted to secure the securing mat **100** to the ground. The securing points **101** may be located at each vertex of the mat **104**. Securing points **101** may be located along sides of the mat **104**. In one embodiment, securing points **101** may be located at the midpoint of one or more sides of the mat **104**.

The securing net **100** may have one or more handles or straps affixed thereto. The one or more handles or straps may be adapted to allow a user to transport the securing net **100** when not in use or may be used to transport personal property after use. The handles or straps may be made of rope, fabric, nylon, plastic, or the like. The securing net **100** may be adapted to be folded and stored in a storage bag when not in use. The storage bag may be a tote, drawstring bag, or the like.

The securing net **100** may have one or more accessories which may be secured, either removably or fixedly to the mesh material **103**. The one or more accessories may include, but are not limited to, mesh pockets, dry bags, totes, or the like. The one or more accessories may be removably secured to the mesh material **103** using a fastener, including, but not limited to, a zipper, hook and loop, button, rivet, snap, or the like.

A plurality of securing nets **100** may be secured to one another using connectors located on the sides of the securing nets **100**. Connectors may include, but are not limited to grommets, snaps, cords, hooks, ropes, or the like. Mating connectors may be located on opposing sides of the securing nets **100** to allow one securing net **100** to connect to another securing net **100**.

In one embodiment, one or more securing nets **100** may be secured to a ring at a first side. The ring may be made from hard rubber, plastic, wood, or the like, and include one or more hooks. Each securing net **100** may have a fastener located along a first side and adapted to secure to at least one of the hooks of the ring. The ring may be positioned around a vertical pole and positionable at different heights of the pole using a pulley system. In such an embodiment, a second side of the securing net **100**, which opposes the first side, may be secured to the ground using one or more stakes **107**. A plurality of securing nets **100** may be joined together along edges of the securing nets between the first and second edges **100**. Each of the plurality of securing nets **100** may be secured to both the ring and the ground so that raising the ring off the ground may create a tent, in which personal belongings may be stored. The securing nets **100** may also be utilized in a flat configuration in which they are secured to one another and the ring rests on the ground.

Each securing net **100** may be adapted to secure to one or more other securing nets **100** in an interchangeable relationship.

The securing net **100** may be beneficial to secure personal belongings in outdoor setting. Personal belongings may be placed on the ground and the mesh material **103** may be placed over the personal belongings. Using stakes or other securing members, the mesh material **103** may be fastened in place over the personal belongings. A single stake may be used to secure both a securing point on the mesh material

103 and a securing point on the mat **104**. The securing net **100** may be adapted to have securing points **101** sized to receive the pole of a beach umbrella. In such an embodiment, the pole of the beach umbrella may be a stake and may be used to secure the mesh material **103** or the mat **104** to the ground. The securing net **100** may be adapted to have securing points **101** spaced apart from one another at a distance equal to the spacing of beach chair legs. The beach chair legs may be received by the securing points **101** and may be stakes. The beach chair legs may be used to secure the mesh material **103** or the mat **104** to the ground. The mesh material **103** may be a deterrent to prevent unauthorized individuals from accessing the personal belongings positioned beneath the mesh material **103**. Additionally, the mesh material **103** may protect personal belongings from being carried away due to environmental factors, such as, but not limited to, wind or the like. In embodiments including a mat **104**, personal belongings may be placed atop the mat **104** and the mesh material **103** may be placed over the personal belongings and secured to any combination of the mat **104**, ground, or similar securement point to maintain the mesh material **103** in position covering the personal belongings.

By way of example, and not as a limitation, the securing net **100** may be used to protect personal items from theft or from being blown away by wind. The mat **104** may be placed over the ground to provide a dry, clean surface. The mesh material **103** may be placed over personal items and secured to the ground with stakes. When in a non-stretched configuration, the mesh material **103** may have a perimeter the same dimensions as the perimeter of the mat **104**. When in a stretched configuration, the mesh material **103** may extend beyond the perimeter of the mat **104**. The mesh material **103** may be used to cover or secure personal items while the items are left unattended at the beach, park, picnic area, or the like. The mesh material **103** may be used to prevent the wind from blowing away personal items at the beach, park, picnic area, or the like. Accessories to the securing net **100** may allow loose items to be carried by the securing net **100** or dry items to be contained in the securing net **100**.

Some of the illustrative aspects of the present invention may be advantageous in solving the problems herein described and other problems not discussed which are discoverable by a skilled artisan.

While the above description contains much specificity, these should not be construed as limitations on the scope of any embodiment, but as exemplifications of the presented embodiments thereof. Many other ramifications and variations are possible within the teachings of the various embodiments. While the invention has been described with reference to exemplary embodiments, it will be understood by those skilled in the art that various changes may be made and equivalents may be substituted for elements thereof without departing from the scope of the invention. In addition, many modifications may be made to adapt a particular situation or material to the teachings of the invention without departing from the essential scope thereof. Therefore, it is intended that the invention not be limited to the particular embodiment disclosed as the best or only mode contemplated for carrying out this invention, but that the invention will include all embodiments falling within the description of the invention. Also, in the drawings and the description, there have been disclosed exemplary embodiments of the invention and, although specific terms may have been employed, they are unless otherwise stated used in a generic and descriptive sense only and not for purposes of limitation,

the scope of the invention therefore not being so limited. Moreover, the use of the terms first, second, etc. do not denote any order or importance, but rather the terms first, second, etc. are used to distinguish one element from another. Furthermore, the use of the terms a, an, etc. do not denote a limitation of quantity, but rather denote the presence of at least one of the referenced item.

That which is claimed is:

1. A securing net for personal items comprising:
 - a mesh material having a perimeter;
 - a border material secured to an entirety of the perimeter of the mesh material;
 - a plurality of securing points carried by the border material;
 - a plurality of stakes wherein each of the plurality of stakes is adapted to be received by one of the plurality of securing points and secured to the ground; and
 - a zipper carried by the mesh material and operable to gain access to a location between the mesh material and the ground.
2. The securing net of claim 1 wherein the border material comprises:
 - an elastic material.
3. The securing net of claim 1 wherein the mesh material comprises:
 - an elastic material.
4. The securing net of claim 1 wherein the mesh material comprises a plurality of elastic cords.
5. The securing net of claim 1 wherein the mesh material further comprises:
 - a first plurality of parallel elastic cords; and
 - a second plurality of parallel elastic cords perpendicular to the first plurality of parallel elastic cords.
6. The securing net of claim 1 wherein the mesh material comprises an elastic material adapted to stretch at least fifty percent of its length in a longitudinal direction.
7. The securing net of claim 1 wherein the mesh material comprises an elastic material adapted to stretch fifty percent of its width in a transverse direction.
8. The securing net of claim 1 wherein at least a portion of the border material comprises an elastic material adapted to stretch fifty percent of its length in a longitudinal direction.
9. The securing net of claim 1 wherein the mesh material is non-absorbent.
10. The securing net of claim 1 further comprising:
 - an interior border material member secured to a first location on the border material and to a second location on an opposing location of the border material at a location other than at an edge of the mesh material.
11. The securing net of claim 10 wherein the interior border material member extends from a first midpoint of a first portion of the border material to a second midpoint of a second portion of the border material, which opposes the first midpoint of the first portion of the border material.
12. The securing net of claim 1 further comprising:
 - a mat secured to the border material.
13. The securing net of claim 12 wherein the mat is non-absorbent.
14. A securing net for personal items comprising:
 - a first mesh material having a perimeter;
 - a border material secured to an entirety of the perimeter of the mesh material;
 - a plurality of securing points carried by the border material; and
 - a mat secured to the border material.

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15. The securing net of claim **14** further comprising:
 an interior border material member secured to a first
 location on the border material and to a second location
 on an opposing location of the border material at a
 location other than at an edge of the mesh material.

16. The securing net of claim **14** wherein the interior
 border material member extends from a first midpoint of a
 first portion of the border material to a second midpoint of
 a second portion of the border material, which opposes the
 first midpoint of the first portion of the border material.

17. A securing net for personal items comprising:
 an elastic, non-absorbent first mesh material adapted to
 stretch fifty percent of its length in a longitudinal
 direction, to stretch fifty percent of its width in a
 transverse direction, and having a perimeter, the mesh
 material comprising:
 a first plurality of parallel elastic cords, and
 a second plurality of parallel elastic cords perpendicu-
 lar to the first plurality of parallel elastic cords;

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an elastic, non-absorbent border material adapted to
 stretch fifty percent of its length in a longitudinal
 direction and secured to an entirety of the perimeter of
 the mesh material;
 a plurality of securing points secured to the border mate-
 rial;
 a plurality of stakes wherein each of the plurality of stakes
 is adapted to be received by one of the plurality of
 securing points and secured to the ground;
 a non-absorbent mat having a perimeter wherein at least
 a portion of the perimeter is secured to the border
 material;
 a zipper carried by the mesh material and operable to gain
 access to a location between the mesh material and the
 mat; and
 an interior border material member secured to a first
 location at a first midpoint of a first side on the border
 material and to a second location at a second midpoint
 of a second side on the border material, opposing the
 first side at a location other than at an edge of the mesh
 material.

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